

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. 2020-264-E and 2020-265-E ORDER NO. 2021-48-H

APRIL 22, 2021

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Establishment of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request for Submission of Written Responses to Public Comments in the Dockets In Lieu of the Live Virtual Proceeding Set for April 23, 2021 Pursuant to Order No. 2021-64

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"); Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Companies"); and the Southern Environmental Law Center on behalf of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, and Upstate Forever (together with the Companies, the "Requesting Parties") have stated in correspondence dated April 20, 2021 that some eight public witnesses were scheduled to testify at the virtual public hearing in these Dockets scheduled for April 21, 2021. At present, a live virtual proceeding is scheduled for April 23, 2021 pursuant to Order No. 2021-64 for the parties in the provide responses to the public testimony.

Given the limited number of public witnesses scheduled to testify and the number of parties in this proceeding—as well as the quickly-approaching deadline for proposed orders— the Requesting Parties request that the Commission direct all parties to submit written responsive comments in lieu of the scheduled virtual hearing on Friday, April 23rd. The Requesting Parties believe that this approach will aid in administrative efficiency while still providing all parties with an opportunity to present robust, comprehensive responses to the Commission.

The Chief Hearing Officer agrees with the Requesting Parties. The April 23, 2021 virtual hearing is cancelled. The parties may provide written responsive comments to the public testimony in lieu of live comments at the proceeding. I agree that the approach will aid in administrative efficiency while still providing all parties with the opportunity to provide responses to the public testimony. The written comments shall be provided as soon as practicable, given that the Commission decision-making process will soon be under way.

This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.